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SUBJECT : GUINEAN REACTION TO NIGER COUP

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1. GUINEAN RADIO COMMENTARY JUST AFTER NIAMEY COUP WAS AMBIGUOUS, MENTIONING IT ONLY IN PASSING IN GENERAL EDITORIALS RE WORLD SITUATION. BUT EDITORIALS OF APRIL 20 AND 21 HAVE MADE IT CLEAR THAT GOG NOW VIEWS FALL OF DIORI AS VICTORY FOR FORCES OPPOSED TO "NEOCOLONIALISM" AND OTHER "ENEMIES". EMBASSY HAS ONE REPORT THAT A LT MAGAN AIDRA (PHONETIC) VISITED CONAKRY 19 APRIL, MET WITH PRESIDENT TOURE, TO EXPLAIN POLICIES OF NEW NIGER GOVERNMENT, AND THAT GUINEANS WERE GENERALLY PLEASED WITH AIDRA PRESENTATION, DESPITE REPORTS THAT NEW GOVERNMENT INTENDS IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH FRANCE.

2. COMMENT: WITH MANY GUINEAN LEADERS AGAIN OPTIMISTIC THAT MITTERAND HAS GOOD CHANCE TAKE POWER IN FRANCE, QUESTION OF A COUNTRY'S RELATIONS WITH FRANCE IS CURRENTLY NOT THE ALL-IMPORTANT QUESTION IT HAS BEEN IN PAST. WHILE PRUDENCE MIGHT DISCOURAGE SEKOU TOURE FROM GLOATING

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OVER ANY COUP AT THIS TIME WHEN GUINEAN REGIME STRUGGLING

WITH PROBLEM OF SEVERE FOOD SHORTAGES, GUINEANS QUITE
WILLING EXPRESS THEIR SATISFACTION WITH MODERATE DIORI'S
FALL, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW DIORI'S ALLEGED EARLIER PUBLIC
CRITICISMS OF GUINEAN REGIME.
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